



*California Condors are being **LEAD** to extinction.*

About \$40 million has been spent to save the California Condor, but efforts are being nullified just so sport hunters can save a few bucks on a box of bullets.

Condors are dying of lead poisoning after they feed on carcasses of game animals shot with lead bullets. It's the leading cause of death for these critically endangered birds and must be stopped.

A bill to ban the use of lead ammunition in condor habitat, AB821 by Assemblyman Pedro Nava, passed the legislature and now sits on Gov. Schwarzenegger's desk. Sport hunters can switch to non-toxic ammunition and be none the worse for it.

California newspapers are voicing the need for change:

"The ban is so reasonable and so overdue, it's hard to fathom why the state hadn't acted long before... Schwarzenegger chose the condor as an icon to go on the

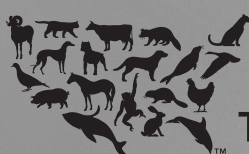
California quarter, even though there are only about 70 wild birds left in the state. We hope he's planning to preserve the California Condor as more than an image on a coin."-*Los Angeles Times*, September 26, 2007

"[Schwarzenegger] has a chance to do the right thing. When the measure gets to his desk, he should sign AB821 and ban lead from condor country."-*San Francisco Chronicle*, September 17, 2007

"Biologists say lead ammo is one of the largest remaining threats to these birds...yet the NRA continues to deny there's a lethal threat to condors."-*Sacramento Bee*, September 15, 2007

"Schwarzenegger should be willing to buck the gun lobby and sign a bill banning hunters from using lead bullets in areas that endangered condors inhabit. That's what scientists are unanimously recommending, and a governor who argues that science should determine the state's response to global warming should apply the same principle to protecting the state's magnificent, endangered bird."-*San Jose Mercury News*, September 27, 2007

***Tell Gov. Schwarzenegger to get the lead out and sign AB821 to save the condor.
Contact the governor at (Tel) 916-445-2841, (Fax) 916-445-4633, or (Email) governor@governor.ca.gov***



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